

# **CLEARWATER COUNTY**

## **DRUG COURT**



## **PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK**

**June 2015 - Revised Edition**

## **CLEARWATER COUNTY DRUG COURT**

### **Sessions:**

First & Third Tuesdays: 4:15 p. m. Status Reviews  
Clearwater County Courthouse  
Judge Greg FitzMaurice  
Coordinator – Dorothy Pollman

### **INTRODUCTION**

Drug Court is a court-supervised collaborative effort of legal, medical, educational, correctional, and social service professionals who supervise and support offenders as they achieve total abstinence from drugs, alcohol, and criminal behavior. The focus of the Drug Court is on breaking the cycle of addiction and criminal activity while simultaneously providing safety in our community. We believe that addiction is a disease process that can be successfully treated through a long-term, court-enforced, individualized program that reflects a total lifestyle change for the offender. Responsibility for success in the program, and successful program completion belongs to the offender.

### **THE PROGRAM**

The program combines close judicial supervision, probation case management, intensive drug treatment, regular drug testing, and graduated responses to provide a highly structured environment for appropriate defendants. In addition, participants complete an educational, social, and vocational assessment so that long-term educational, social, and employment goals can be established. Participants' family members are also encouraged to participate in the program and are provided support services. As participants progress in treatment, the program emphasis expands to include life skills and job training. Participants are expected to be employed and/or attending school as a requirement of the program. Participants are held accountable to pay for a portion of their treatment. Defendants who successfully complete the Drug Court program are provided with a reduction of their criminal charges or mitigation of their sentences.

### **Eligibility:**

Those eligible for Drug Court are adults charged with use and possession of drugs or where there is a significant relationship between the use of drugs and the commission of the crime before the court. The person must suffer from alcohol or drug dependency. Individuals who have participated in another Idaho Specialty Court Program or have sex offenses, past or current in their history are not eligible.

### **Treatment Phases for first year:**

**Phase One: (Early Recovery)** The focus of this phase, anticipated to be 16 to 20 weeks, is to engage the participant in treatment and support his/her efforts to stay clean and sober. Participants will:

- Be subject to daily probation supervision
- Permit random unannounced home visits by Probation Officers or other Law Enforcement Agencies
- Appear in Drug Court sessions every two weeks
- Attend counseling up to four days a week. (This may include sessions on Anger Management, Life Skills, etc. as indicated by the treatment plan)
- Expect alcohol/drug screening tests up to 4 times per week.
- Attend Recovery Support meetings in compliance with treatment plan.
- Obtain employment and/or be enrolled in school program.

- Be subject to a 8 pm curfew
- Obtain an Recovery Support sponsor
- Pay all Drug Court fees.

During Phase I participants are expected to fully participate in the Drug Court program. The goal of this phase is to have participants abstain from drug and alcohol use and to develop the skills necessary to maintain this state. To advance to Phase II participants must have sixteen weeks of continuous clean urine screens, have a positive probation report, be recommended for promotion by their treatment provider, and have met all other Phase I requirements.

**Phase Two:**     **(Decision Making)** The focus of Phase II, anticipated to be 16 to 20 weeks, is to demonstrate a commitment to living without alcohol and other drugs and getting involved in an educational/employment program. Participants will:

- Report to their probation officer as directed
- Permit random unannounced home visits by Probation Officers or other Law Enforcement agencies.
- Report to Drug Court every two weeks.
- Be subject to reduced frequency of alcohol and drug screening tests.
- Be subject to 9 pm curfew.
- Participate in counseling up to three days a week.
- Attend Recovery Support meetings in compliance with treatment plan.
- Maintain employment and/or begin education program.
- Begin a cognitive restructuring program as directed by probation officer and treatment plan.
- Pay all Drug Court fees.

To advance to Phase III participants must have 16 weeks of continuous clean urine screens, have a positive probation report, be recommended for promotion by their treatment provider, and have met all other Phase II requirements.

**Phase Three:**   **(Community Transition)** The focus of Phase III, anticipated to be 16 to 20 weeks, will be on relapse prevention and maintaining a clean and sober life. Emphasis will be on educational, social, and vocational training as needed. Participants will:

- Report to their probation officer as directed.
- Permit random, unannounced home visits by Probation Officer and other Law Enforcement agencies.
- Attend group and individual counseling as directed, including possible family sessions.
- Be subject to random drug and alcohol screening (less frequent)
- Attend Recovery Support meetings
- Be subject to 10 pm curfew.
- Maintain employment or student status
- Complete the cognitive restructuring program as directed by probation officer and treatment plan.
- Attend Life Skills, health, employment, family, or educational programs as directed.
- Complete Substance Abuse Treatment
- Develop and present a relapse prevention plan to the team and/or treatment provider.
- Attend Drug Court once per month.
- Be subject to 10 pm curfew.

To advance to Phase IV successful participants will be promoted after completing Phase III, remaining drug and alcohol free for a minimum of four consecutive months, finishing requirements of treatment plan, paying all Drug Court fees, and demonstrating ability to maintain employment and have met all other Phase III requirements. The Drug Court judge will have the final say as to a participant's readiness to be promoted to Phase IV.

**Phase Four: (Unsupervised)** During Phase IV participants are expected to demonstrate the ability to live drug-free while remaining mostly independent of Drug Court. Phase IV is anticipated to be six months. During Phase IV participants must:

- Resolve all pending cases and be paying debts for all outstanding fines and restitution.
- Attend court once a month on a schedule set by the court.
- Follow all terms and condition of drug court and their supervision agreement
- Provide urine samples as directed.
- Be recommended for graduation.

**Graduation:** Successful participants will graduate from the program after completing Phase IV and remaining drug and alcohol free for a minimum of six consecutive months. Depending on their plea agreement, participants will receive the benefit of a dismissal or reduction of their charge. Some participants may continue to be monitored by the court and placed on unsupervised probation for the duration of their original sentence. This will include alcohol/drug screening tests as requested by the Judge.

### **Sanctions/Incentives**

Noncompliance with the program may result in one of a series of graduated sanctions being imposed. Behaviors considered to be noncompliant include unexcused absences or tardiness (from Drug Court or any program appointment), positive alcohol/drug screens, providing a fraudulent or altered urine sample, disruptive or disrespectful behavior, failure to attend Recovery Support meetings, providing a fraudulent or altered Recovery Support attendance card, failure to complete a sanction, a new arrest, or violation of a court order. Sanctions may include writing assignments, increased reporting to probation including electronic monitoring, community service, movement back to an earlier Phase, and local incarceration of variable length.

### **Fees**

The cost for participation in Drug Court in the Second Judicial District is currently a flat fee of \$650.00. In addition there is a supervision fee determined by the Idaho Department of Corrections. The Drug Court fee will be applied to the participant's account at the time their contract is signed and the participant is expected to pay all fees in full prior to graduation. The Drug Court fee shall be paid on the following schedule:

In order to promote to Phase II the client must pay a minimum of \$100.00 towards the flat fee  
In order to promote to Phase III the client must pay an additional \$150.00 towards the flat fee  
In order to promote to Phase IV the client must pay an additional \$200.00 towards the flat fee  
In order to graduate from Drug Court the client must pay the remaining balance of \$ 200.00.

Should a client remain in Drug Court longer than 24 months, the client will be required to pay a monthly fee at the discretion of the Drug Court Team not to exceed \$30.00 per month.

Supervision fees will be accessed by and collected by the Idaho Department of Correction. Payment records will be reported to the Judge as part of your progress reports.

Unless the participant qualifies for funding assistance, the participant will be responsible for the cost of treatment. There may be additional fees for evaluations, assessments, testing, alcohol detection devices, and co-pays. Treatment fees will be paid directly to the treatment provider. Payment records will be reported to the Judge as part of your progress reports.

NOTE: Court fees are subject to change during the program and all participants will be given advance notice to any change in fees. All court and probation fees must be paid in full prior to advancement to the next phase. All court fees, supervision fees, treatment costs and restitution will need to be paid in full prior to graduating from the program. Should a participant be terminated, transfers programs or voluntarily withdraws from the program they will still be required to pay the \$650.00 drug court fee.

### **The Drug Court Team**

Drug Court sessions are held on the first and third Tuesday of the month. Honorable Judge Gregory FitzMaurice is the presiding Drug Court Judge. It is the practice of the Drug Court team to meet prior to each session of Drug Court. Each member of the team gives input according to the contact they have had with the participant. Progress in the program is discussed including the possibility of sanctions, rewards, and promotions. These meetings are held in the Clearwater County Courthouse at 3:30 p.m. Court follows immediately afterward (approximately 4:15 p.m.).

In addition to these scheduled meetings team members are kept current between Drug Court sessions on the status of each Drug Court participant through phone calls, faxes, and emails. Team members will be notified immediately about any incidents of noncompliance by participants.

Drug Court sessions, graduation ceremonies, etc. are open to the public.

DRUG COURT POLICIES  
CLEARWATER COUNTY  
June 12, 2012

**1. Recovery Support Meetings:**

**You will be expected to attend multiple recovery meetings per week and show proof of your attendance by having the chairperson of the meeting initial your card.** Drug court clients may not initial cards for other drug court clients. If you are chairing a meeting and a drug court client needs to have his/her card signed, ask someone else to initial it for you. There is a direct link between the faithfulness of attendance at recovery meetings and the success of the client, so even if you think the meetings are “boring” “inconvenient” or “not helpful” you will still be expected to attend. Shop for meetings that suit you. You may want to look in a broader area than Orofino. There are lots of meetings in the area at all times of the day and evening. Give this a chance to work for you.

\*You are also expected to get a sponsor as soon as possible after beginning Drug Court. A sponsor is a person working an active recovery program, a person who has at least three years of sobriety. Another drug court client cannot be your sponsor and your sponsor should be the same gender as you. For example: Men sponsor men and women sponsor women.

**2. Abstinence:**

**All clients must remain completely abstinent of all illegal drugs and alcohol.**

When a client first enters drug court there is often a window of time when the urine screens come back positive for illegal drugs. This is especially true of drugs such as marijuana, which takes some time to metabolize out of the system. In this case a first positive urine screen is used to establish a base-line, and no sanction will be imposed as long as the lab reports continue to show diminishing levels of the drug in the urine. A significant increase in drug levels will be interpreted as a new use. (note: in order to avoid a sanction for this first positive test a client must be honest with the team about their recent drug use. In other words, if you tell us you have been using meth, but we also get a positive for cocaine, that could be interpreted as deception. Tell us what the screen will be positive for and we will work with you as you get clean.)

\*After establishing abstinence any positive lab report on a urine, saliva, or patch test will be interpreted as new drug use. When the drug court team has proof of drug use in a client an immediate jail sanction may be imposed. If a client disputes the results of the test they are entitled to ask for a repeat test. This test costs \$35 which is the responsibility of the client. No test will be run until the \$35 has been paid. If the second test comes back negative the \$35 will be reimbursed. If the second test comes back positive the \$35 is forfeited and a jail sentence is imposed.

**3. Attendance:**

**\*All clients in Phase I and Phase II of Drug Court will attend all sessions of court unless given specific permission to be gone.**

Permission to miss will be given rarely. Examples of reasons that are *not* acceptable for missing court:

- no child care
- no transportation
- work
- school

A client who is not in court, and who did not have specific permission to miss court, will be subject to arrest.

**\*All clients are expected to attend all scheduled sessions of treatment, and to be on time for all sessions.**

Absence or tardiness from treatment will result in sanctions. Normally, you will be assigned one hour of Community Service for each ten minutes you are late. Missing a treatment appointment usually results in a minimum of 1 day in jail as well a monetary fee to be paid to the treatment provider. Missing treatment repeatedly may result in termination from the program.

**\*Clients who are enrolled in Cognitive Self Change through the Idaho Department of Correction must attend all class sessions.** Occasionally permission is given to miss a class, but if a client misses more than one or two classes they may not be allowed to return to the program, and will have to start over in a new CSC class the next time it is offered, or in a different town. Any absences must be cleared with the facilitator of the program.

#### **4. Community Service:**

**One of the sanctions frequently assigned by the judge is Community Service. This is work performed for no pay, and must be done for a nonprofit agency.** If you are thinking of doing volunteer work for a needy individual that work must *first* be approved by the drug court team. Permission is usually given if a nonprofit agency agrees *in advance* to sponsor your volunteer work and sign for your hours.

\*There will be no credit given for Community Service performed while in jail.

\*A Community Service report form was given to you in your welcome packet when you signed into Drug Court. If you need another one contact your probation officer.

\*All Community Service must be completed by the next Drug Court session. Any hours which are not completed may be doubled, and those hours will be due at the next court session.

\*There is a workmen's compensation fee requirement for all Community Service hours. You must pay 60 cents an hour (in advance) at the fee window of the courthouse.

#### **5. Contacts:**

**There will be no association with other drug court clients or other probationers (outside of court, treatment, CSC, or Recovery functions) unless permission is given by the probation officer.** This includes giving or accepting rides to and from group functions.

\*Any contacts with police must be reported to the Probation Officer immediately with specific details.

\*All phone messages to Probation Officers and other drug court team members must be specific and contain all the necessary information.

#### **6. Court Appearances:**

**Clients in Phase I and II expected to be in court every two weeks. Phase III and IV clients appear once a month.** Always bring your signed Recovery Support Meeting card with you to court. Also be prepared to show proof of employment by bringing your most recent pay stub. The judge may ask to see both those items.

\*Expect to remain in the courtroom until all clients have been called forward by the judge. If you have a pressing need to leave the courtroom before court is dismissed you may ask for permission ahead of time, or you may ask the judge when you are talking to him.

\*Please observe courtroom etiquette by dressing appropriately (no bare midriffs, no short shorts, no T-shirts with offensive or drug related messages on them, no big holes in your jeans, etc.) A good rule of thumb is to dress for court the way you would dress for a job interview.

\*You will be expected to speak directly to the judge when your name is called to come forward in court. When he asks you a question answer with a "yes, sir" or a "no, sir" instead of "yeah." (This is not a rule, but a suggestion). *Be honest with him and speak up if you have questions or concerns about any aspect of your program. There is no topic we consider off-limits.* However, (another suggestion) arguing with him after he has made a decision doesn't help you in the long run, and rarely makes any difference on the decision. Respect goes a long ways. Some clients have become angry and stormed out of the courtroom, but this too doesn't serve you very well in the long run, and usually results in your having to make an apology for your behavior the next time you are in court.

\*Do not speak to each other while court is in session unless absolutely necessary. Whispering is distracting for the judge and the other people in the courtroom.

\*Court is open to the public. Feel free to invite family members and friends to accompany you to court, but tell them about the rules before they come in.

\*Turn off all cell phones and pagers before entering the courtroom. Judge Griffin may send the bailiff to take away your phone/pager if it makes a noise during court.

\*If you have questions for your probation officer and/or Coordinator do not whisper to us during court because we must be paying attention to what the judge is saying to the clients and vice-versa. It's a good idea to write down your questions and give them to us on a note. We will either answer you then, or give you a call in the near future to discuss your question.

### **7. Curfew:**

All clients are given a curfew by their probation officer. This curfew is in effect seven days a week and includes holidays. A probation officer and/or a law enforcement officer will perform random checks to see if you are at home when you are supposed to be home. A curfew violation is considered a sanctionable offense.

### **8. Drug Court Costs:**

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### **9. Drug Screening Tests:**

**Drug court clients will submit to tests of their bodily emissions to check for the presence of drugs (including alcohol).** We usually use urine tests but we also may use tests on hair, saliva, sweat, and breath. It is the responsibility of the client to call the ua phone message every day (Monday through Saturday), and if your number is named, go to the designated collection center. It would be a good idea to listen to the message twice, just to be sure, since a missed ua can result in jail. (Count on the first missed ua as earning you 48 hours in jail. If you miss again the jail sentence may be considerably longer.)



\*Arrive at the designated collection center ready to provide a urine sample. If you cannot provide a urine sample you will be allowed a short amount of time to drink some fluid and try again, but if you have not produced a sufficient quantity of urine within an hour you will be sent home and the test may be interpreted as positive.

\*Likewise, if you provide a dilute sample (creatinine reading less than 20 mg/dl) it may also be interpreted as positive. It is difficult to drink enough fluids to accidentally dilute your urine to that extreme, so the lab has suggested anyone whose urine is diluted is probably trying to hide the presence of drugs in their system by flooding themselves with water. In other words, if you normally drink lots of coffee, diet soda, etc. hold back on a day when your number is called. Drink just enough to be able to provide a urine sample. It also helps to eat protein prior to submitting to a urine sample.

#### **10. Requests to travel, or stay out past curfew, etc.:**

If you want to travel out of the area for a special occasion (or would like permission to stay out past your curfew) feel free to ask permission to do so. **Don't wait until you are in court to ask the judge for permission. All requests should be made before the team meeting (3:30 pm) on Drug Court day.** You may make your request by calling the Coordinator, or by calling your probation officer, or by asking your treatment counselor or attorney. It's a good idea to follow up with Coordinator and make sure your request was included in the agenda for the meeting (sometimes we forget unless it is written into the notes on your case). This can be done by leaving a message on Coordinator's cell phone on or before the day of court. When planning to travel out of town be prepared to give us dates of departure and return; names, phone numbers, and addresses of who you will be staying with, and let your hosts know your Probation Officer may be calling them to verify your information and discuss abstinence requirements, curfews, etc. If your request is to go camping the PO will need a map with driving instructions on how to get to your camp site. Remember, travel requests will be granted only to clients who are current on all their fees.

#### **11. Sanctions:**

**Sanctions are disciplinary actions assigned to clients who have not followed the rules of Drug Court.** They range from writing an essay to going to jail, to possible expulsion from the program. Each infraction is considered on a case by case basis. The team takes the circumstances into account. For instance, if you miss a treatment session because you were ill the sanction will be less than for someone who misses a treatment session because he forgot. Because of this, there may be times when the sanctions seem "unfair" because you were given more punishment for the same offense than someone else. Do not spend much energy comparing your sanction to someone else's. If you do not know all the circumstances you will not be able to understand the differences. The team will never discuss the circumstances of someone else's sanction.

#### **12. Medical conditions:**

If you have a serious medical condition you will not be automatically excluded from consideration by drug court. You must be willing to fully disclose your condition and medical care to the drug court team. If you are taking a prescribed medication for your condition you must continue to do so. Although we can be flexible and work around your condition, you must be able to engage in and complete treatment. However, this program is not appropriate for individuals who require continuous, long-term treatment with a controlled substance, specifically narcotics.

You are in an addiction treatment program; therefore, participants are discouraged from taking any narcotic medication unless medically necessary. The drug court team expects the participant to be upfront and honest with their medical provider and advocate for an alternative form of medication. Should you develop a medical condition where your doctor prescribes medication you must bring in the prescription and show your probation officer and your treatment provider. We also require that you notify the medical professional of your addiction. Each participant is given a medical ID card which must be initialed by the medical staff and brought to the drug court team.

If a narcotic medication becomes medically necessary, the drug court team will evaluate the situation to determine if any action should be taken. During the period of time a participant is taking narcotic medication, they may be asked to discontinue treatment and have their sobriety date suspended until the participant is able to actively participate in treatment and is no longer taking or affected by the narcotic medication.

**13. Driving Privileges:**

Upon acceptance into Drug Court and your underlying charge is DUI, in addition to any other suspension you may have, your privilege to drive will be suspended for a period of one year. The first forty-five (45) days of that suspension will be ABSOLUTE which means that you cannot drive for any reason. After the first forty-five (45) days, you may request that the Drug Court Judge grant you a restricted driving permit. Whether or not you receive a restricted permit and the conditions of that permit will be solely determined by the Judge. If you do receive a restricted permit, you will be required to install an interlock device in any vehicle that you drive.

Participants who are granted a restricted permit are expected to abide by the terms of the permit. Participants are only allowed to drive to and from work, treatment and recovery meetings with no deviation. For example, you cannot stop at the grocery store on the way home from work or you may not stop and pick up individuals to take them to treatment or a recovery meeting. Should the participant be found in violation of their temporary permit they will be sanctioned.

Violations / Behaviors:	Sanctions include but not limited to:
Missed drug / alcohol tests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Community Service</li> <li>* Increased drug / alcohol testing</li> <li>* Electronic Monitoring</li> <li>* Jail</li> </ul>
Tampering with drug / alcohol tests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Increased drug / alcohol testing</li> <li>* Community Service</li> <li>* Jail</li> <li>* Possible Termination</li> </ul>
UA/BAC positive for drugs or alcohol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Increased drug / alcohol testing</li> <li>* Increased support meetings</li> <li>* Increased treatment</li> <li>* Treatment phase adjustment</li> <li>* Writing assignments / journaling</li> <li>* Immediate arrest</li> </ul>
Missed meeting with probation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Add or adjust curfew</li> <li>* Community Service</li> <li>* Phase adjustment</li> <li>* Jail</li> </ul>
Missed treatment meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Increased treatment</li> <li>* Increased support meetings</li> <li>* Phase re-adjustment</li> <li>* Community service</li> <li>* Pay provider for missed session</li> <li>* Writing assignments / journaling</li> <li>* Jail</li> <li>* Possible termination</li> </ul>
Missed support groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Electronic home monitoring</li> <li>* Make up meetings</li> <li>* Adjust curfew</li> <li>* Jail</li> </ul>
Inappropriate behavior at treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Community Service</li> <li>* Written apology</li> <li>* Jail</li> <li>* Possible termination</li> </ul>
Confessing to use / relapse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Written assignments / journaling</li> <li>* Adjustment of treatment</li> <li>* Jail</li> </ul>

Curfew Violation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Community service</li> <li>* Electronic home monitoring</li> <li>* Jail</li> </ul>
Driving without privileges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Fines</li> <li>* Electronic home monitoring</li> <li>* Curfew</li> <li>* Jail</li> <li>* Possible termination</li> </ul>
Other new arrest / offense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Fines</li> <li>* Community service</li> <li>* Electronic monitoring</li> <li>* Jail</li> <li>* Possible Termination</li> </ul>
New arrest for impaired driving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Termination</li> </ul>
Leave residential treatment without permission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Warrant issues for arrest</li> <li>* Phase adjustment</li> <li>* Jail</li> <li>* Termination</li> </ul>
Missed Drug Court appearance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Warrant issues for arrest</li> <li>* Jail</li> <li>* Possible termination</li> </ul>
Forging support group attendance cards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Jail</li> <li>* Possible termination</li> </ul>

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## ***WELCOME TO DRUG COURT!***

You join a small number of people in this judicial district who have been given a chance to turn their negative situation into a positive experience. You have a whole team of people who are eager and ready to help you achieve your goals. Please read the papers in this folder.

The calendar is yours to keep track of your appointments. You will be expected to attend all counseling appointments and be on time for them. You will be expected to attend Recovery Support meetings, meetings with your probation officer, court appointments, and sometimes do community service hours. The calendar will help you keep track of where you are supposed to be and when. It is also a good idea to bring it to court and write down what the judge said to you in case he gives you deadlines or specific instructions.

The Recovery Support card should be kept in your purse or wallet. Whenever you attend meetings ask for the initials of the chairperson of the meeting. You will find additional Recovery Support card forms in your welcome packet to use in case you forget to pick up a card. I have also enclosed a Recovery Support report form. Filling these out each week helps you keep a record of meetings which were helpful to you, and it is good information to share with your counselor too. Not required, but many clients use them.

The medical ID card stapled to the inside of your welcome packet should also go in your purse or wallet. If you go to the doctor you need to show that card to the medical staff before they write you a prescription. If they choose to write you a prescription for a narcotic drug after knowing you are an addict in recovery we will need to see their signature and date on your card when you come to court. Print your name (in ink) on the back of the card now. If you come to court, or present for a ua, saying you have been prescribed a narcotic drug and without a signature on your medical ID card we will investigate the prescription.

There are specific instructions for your drug screening urine tests. These, along with random screenings for alcohol, will be conducted on a frequent and random basis. We hope that urine testing will be a help to you in staying clean and sober.

Your folder also contains a description of drug court and the guidelines for the different phases. If you have any questions about your restrictions, or about your progress in the program feel free to ask any member of the drug court team. Names and phone numbers of your team are provided for you to use.

***GOOD LUCK!***

***Sincerely,***

**Dorothy Pollman, Clearwater County Drug Court Coordinator**